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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 9, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JO ANN EMERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend David F. Allen, Pastor, Welcome Baptist Church, Beckley, West Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, creator of the universe and maker of this free and great Nation in which we live, it is once again that a few of Your humble servants have come before Your throne in prayer. We come first of all to ask Your divine forgiveness for all of our transgressions, and to thank You for how You have blessed and showed favor to the United States of America.

Heavenly Father, we pray that You would forever keep us mindful of what the scripture says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Great Jehovah, we ask You to bless all of our leaders, and we ask special blessings upon this 109th Congress. Lord, give them great wisdom to deal with hindsight as well as a supernatural ability to deal with foresight.

God, lead us in the paths that You would have us to go and direct Congress in every decision that they must make.

Father, we will gladly give Your name the praise for being so good to us,

hearing us, and granting our many petitions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PENCE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND DAVID F. ALLEN

(Mr. RAHALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, it is indeed a high honor for me to rise today to introduce our guest chaplain, the Reverend David F. Allen, Pastor of the Welcome Baptist Church, located in my Third Congressional District in my hometown of Beckley, West Virginia.

Pastor Allen was born and raised in Greentown, West Virginia, and is one of eight children raised by his mother, a single parent. He was educated in the Fayette County public school system and holds several teaching certificates and certifications through the National Baptist Convention.

Pastor Allen received his call to the preaching ministry at the age of 14, and since that time he has actively

pursued his calling. He has been the Pastor of Welcome Baptist Church for the past 12 years.

Pastor Allen is the Vice Moderator and District Missionary of the Winding Gulf District Association. He has served as Supply Minister to many area churches and does extensive work in the evangelistic field.

Pastor Allen is also the founding Bishop of Tsidkenu Ministries, a State-chartered outreach ministry. In addition, Pastor Allen is the President of the Christian Ministers Alliance of Beckley, West Virginia, and vicinity.

He is married to Gloria J. Allen, who is with us today, and they are the proud parents of five children and grandparents to five grandchildren. Pastor Allen states that he is a God-called, spirit-filled preacher of God's Word.

Madam Speaker, again it is an honor for me to introduce and welcome to the U.S. House of Representatives the Reverend David F. Allen, Pastor of the Welcome Baptist Church in Beckley, West Virginia, to deliver our opening prayer. Thank you.

### MTV'S PROGRAMMING HURTS KIDS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, it seems that Music Television plays a lot more than music these days. From reality TV to tasteless dramas, MTV has become one of cable's largest purveyors of smut.

A report released by the Parents Television Council found that the level of sex and foul language on MTV is far higher than anything found on adult-targeted television. The report says that children watching MTV view an average of nine sexual scenes, 18 sexual depictions and 17 instances of sexual dialogue and innuendo per hour.

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